

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1273

Short Title: DHHS/Tech. Assistance for Menu Labeling. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Insko, Harrison (Primary Sponsors); Glazier and Parmon.

Referred to: Health, if favorable, Appropriations.

April 9, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO COLLABORATE WITH
2 THE NORTH CAROLINA PREVENTION PARTNERS AND LOCAL RESTAURANT
3 ASSOCIATIONS TO ENCOURAGE NUTRITIONAL AND CALORIC MENU
4 LABELING IN RESTAURANTS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA
5 TASK FORCE ON PREVENTING CHILDHOOD OBESITY.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** By February 1, 2010, the Department of Health and Human Services,
9 Division of Public Health, in collaboration with the North Carolina Prevention Partners, the
10 North Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association, and other restaurant organizations in this
11 State, shall develop and submit a plan to the General Assembly to encourage restaurant owners
12 to make nutrition and calorie information about menu items readily available to consumers in
13 restaurants. The plan shall include an explanation of (i) the specific types of restaurants that
14 will be encouraged to provide nutrition and calorie information to consumers, (ii) the specific
15 nutrition and calorie information that restaurants will be encouraged to provide to consumers,
16 and (iii) the technical assistance the Division of Public Health will provide to restaurant
17 owners, at their request, regarding how to prominently display nutrition and calorie information
18 about menu items for consumers in restaurants.

19 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

